

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

At the outset, the Response filed July 7, 2010, was not entered and, thus, the listing of claims above shows amendments made to the listing of claims that was last entered.

After entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12-14, 17 and 26 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10 and 12-14 are independent.

Claims 4, 5, 8, 11, 15, 16 and 18-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, and 12-14 have been amended and new claim 26 has been added. Claims 10 and 12-14 have been amended to put them in better form. Amendments to the claims and new claim 26 are supported throughout the Specification as filed. Thus, no new matter has been introduced by way of amendment to the claims.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the Interview which was conducted on July 22, 2010.

Applicants have cancelled withdrawn claims 16 and 18-25 as proposed by the Examiner during the Interview and in the Advisory Action issued July 15, 2010. In addition to cancelling the withdrawn claims, Applicants are herein reiterating arguments made in the Response filed July 7, 2010, which the Examiner indicated were persuasive patentability arguments for the claims under examination (*e.g.*, excluding withdrawn claims drawn to non-elected inventions).

Further, after an inquiry made of the Examiner on August 3, 2010, and a reply received from the Examiner on August 4, 2010, Applicants have added new claim 26 which had previously been submitted in the Response filed July 7, 2010, as the Examiner indicated that he was willing to consider it along with the other claims.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

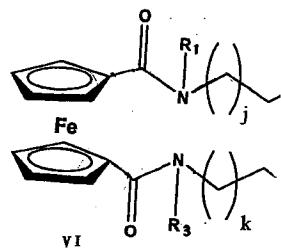
Drawings

Since no objection has been received, Applicants assume that the drawings originally filed with the application on August 22, 2006, are acceptable and that no further action is necessary. Confirmation thereof in the next Office Action is respectfully requested.

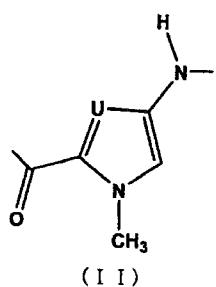
Claim Objections

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 17 are objected to because they contain both elected and non-elected subject matter. Claim 4 has been cancelled and its rejection is now moot.

Applicants thank the Examiner for expanding his search of the prior art to include a core molecule containing a ferrocene-containing linker having formula (VI) as recited in claim 4 (now cancelled):



The core molecule used in the Examiner's search is among those represented by formula (I) of claim 1, wherein V¹ and X¹ are represented by the formula (II):



Thus, Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite the limitations of claim 4 and cancelled claim 4, as well as added recitation of "wherein each of V¹ and X¹ is represented by the formula (II)" to

claim 1. Consequently, amendments were made to claims 6 and 7 to be consistent with amended claim 1.

Claims 5, 8, 11 and 15, which are drawn to ferrocene compounds having a different core structure than that searched by the Examiner have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants retain the right to pursue the subject matter contained in these claims in a divisional application.

In view of amendments made to the claims cancelling subject matter that was not searched by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9 and 17 be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, because the limitation “wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ represent alkyl” lacks proper antecedent basis.

Applicants respectfully point out that proper antecedent basis for this limitation is provided by claim 1, as amended.

Applicants believe claim 1, which recites R₁, R₂ and R₃ represent hydrogen or alkyl groups is allowable, because the Examiner indicated that the only issue with claim 9 was a lack of proper antecedent basis for the limitation “wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ represent alkyl,” and not that there was a substantive issue with claim 9.

In view of the discussion above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating in the Office Action of April 7, 2010, that claims 10 and 12-14 are allowable over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and

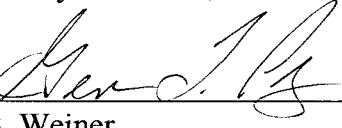
complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there by an outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Stephanie A. Wardwell, Ph.D., Registration No. 48,025 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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